



**Request for City Council Committee Action
Health Department**

Date: March 31, 2014

To: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: AMEND CONTRACT WITH LAURA OLIVEN SILBERFARB FOR
FEDERAL COMMUNITIES TRANSFORMATION GRANT

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to amend contract #37423 with Laura Oliven Silberfarb to add up to \$50,000 for a new total not to exceed of \$81,000 from 01300-8600120 to support tobacco prevention services through September 30, 2014.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval X Not Applicable

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval Date of Approval Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department is in its third year of a five year federal Communities Transformation Grant. We were just notified that years four and five will not be funded, and the CTG grants nationally will terminate at the end of September 2014. One of the primary components of the CTG grant has been to support tobacco prevention initiatives. The department initiated a contract with Ms. Silberfarb in January 2013 to provide these services. She was selected because of her extensive experience in youth tobacco prevention and her familiarity with federal CDC grants. With the unexpected notification of the end of CTG funding in September, we would like to step up our tobacco prevention efforts with unexpended CTG funds from other parts of the grant project. That will require amending Laura's contract to add up to \$50,000, for a new NTE of \$81,000 through September 2014. These additional funds will allow the department to support the full implementation of a smoke-free policy at Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (including a system to provide cessation services), and conduct public awareness activities on youth tobacco use. Given the short period of time left in this grant period (7 months), the PRC has approved the department's request to waive the RFP process.